



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
1416 Ninth Street
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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Mill Creek Gate Installation and Parking Area Improvements

LOCATION: Mill Creek Acquisition, Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, Hamilton-Elkhorn Link
and Substation Road
COUNTY: Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install four heavy duty road gates and improve an existing parking area within the Mill Creek Acquisition of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. The existing paved parking lot is a remnant of the previous landowner's timber operations. The parking area will be used by visitors who attend the existing guided tour program. The purpose of the new gates is to prevent public vehicular access beyond the parking area.

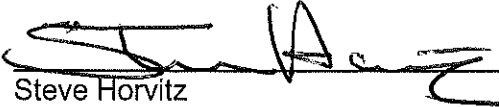
All ground-disturbing work will be monitored by a DPR-qualified cultural resource specialist. If potentially significant resources are unearthed, work in the immediate area of the find would be temporarily halted or diverted until identification and proper treatment are determined and implemented. In the event that human remains are discovered, work will cease immediately in the area of the find and the project manager/site supervisor will notify the appropriate DPR personnel. Any human remains and/or funerary objects will be left in place. The DPR Sector Superintendent (or authorized representative) will notify the County Coroner, in accordance with §7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) will be notified within 24 hours of the discovery if the Coroner determines that the remains are Native American. The NAHC will designate the "Most Likely Descendent" (MLD) of the deceased Native American. The MLD will recommend an appropriate disposition of the remains.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District
EXEMPT STATUS: ☒ Categorical Exemption *Class: 3 Section: 15303*

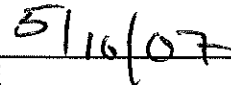
REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project consists of the construction of a limited number of new, small, facilities or structures and is included as "fencing and gates" and "small parking lots" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4.

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